

SOCIETY REPORTS

ALAMEDA COUNTY.

The April meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association was devoted to Medical Inspection in the Public Schools. The program was arranged by Dr. N. K. Foster and was as follows:

I. Health Development in the Public Schools—10 minutes. Dr. N. K. Foster, Oakland.

II. The Influence of Eyestrain in the Presence of Hypertrophied or Diseased Tonsils and Adenoids on the Development of the Child—15 minutes. Dr. H. G. Thomas, Oakland.

III. Oral Hygiene and Its Influence upon the Proper Development of Children—15 minutes. Dr. C. E. Evans, President Alameda County Dental Society.

IV. The Nurse in the School and Home—10 minutes. Mrs. L. C. Hallingsworth, Nurse Oakland School Department.

V. Opening of Discussion—15 minutes. Dr. E. B. Hoag, Director of Health Department, Berkeley Schools.

Among those who took part in the discussion were Dr. Watkins of San Francisco, Mr. Wood, Superintendent of Schools of Alameda, and Dr. A. S. Kelly.

PAULINE S. NUSBAUMER, Secretary.

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.

The California Academy of Medicine held its regular meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 27th.

The scientific program was as follows:

1. A Bone-cyst of the Humerus, with Radiograms and the Patient. Harry M. Sherman. Discussed by Drs. Stillman, Terry and Sherman.

2. A Plague-like Disease of Rodents. George W. McCoy, P. A. Surgeon P. H. and M. H. S.

3. Demonstration of Pathological Specimens. H. B. A. Kugeler. Discussed by Drs. Sherman and Kugeler.

The following were duly elected to membership: Sol Hyman and George W. McCoy.

Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

The California Academy of Medicine held its regular meeting on Monday evening, March 27th. The scientific program was as follows:

1. Certain Aspects of Anaphylaxis. Dr. F. P. Gay, Professor of Pathology, University of California. Discussed by Drs. Zinsser, Montgomery and Gay.

2. Medical Notes Taken in South America. Dr. Douglas A. Montgomery.

Professor Robert E. Swain and Professor M. E. Jaffa were duly elected to membership.

At the close of the program refreshments were served.

On Monday evening, April 24, 1911, the California Academy of Medicine held its regular meeting. The scientific program was as follows:

1. Case Report, Leo Eloesser.

2. On the Pressor Action of an American Mistletoe (a preliminary report), Dr. A. C. Crawford, Associate Professor of Pharmacology, Leland Stanford Jr. University.

3. A Report of a Case of Fracture of a Cervical Vertebra, with Especial Reference to Disturbances in Body Temperature, Dr. Ray I. Wilbur. Discussed by Dr. O. P. Jenkins, Professor of Physiology, Leland Stanford Jr. University; Harry R. Oliver and James T. Watkins.

The following applicants were unanimously elected to membership: Drs. F. S. Maxwell, Edmund O'Neill, Chas. A. Koffoid, H. H. Yerington, Harry E. Foster.

Meeting adjourned.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

On Sunday, April 30th, the Contra Costa County Medical Society met at Martinez to inspect the new County Hospital. The secretary, Dr. Frank Rattan, was ill, and Dr. W. B. Brown served as secretary. A large number of the physicians of the county attended this meeting, together with the county supervisors and distinguished business men. Lunch was served and afterward the hospital was thoroughly inspected, and much credit given to the president of the County Society, Dr. C. R. Blake.

Dr. Wallace I. Terry of San Francisco, was present and operated, with the assistance of Dr. J. J. Hogan, of Vallejo, upon a patient who had numerous complications following an old appendicitis. The next meeting of the Society will be held at Brentwood.

ORANGE COUNTY.

The Orange County Medical Society held the twenty-second annual meeting in the parlors of the new Armory Hall on Tuesday evening, May 2, 1911. The retiring President, Dr. Violet of Garden Grove, then read the annual address on "The Citizenship of the Doctor." The following officers were installed: President, Dr. J. M. Burlow, Santa Ana; Vice-President, Dr. Ida B. Parker, Orange; Secretary, Dr. John Wehrly, Santa Ana; Treasurer, Dr. H. S. Gordon, Santa Ana; Librarian, Dr. C. D. Bull, Santa Ana.

After the installation the Society adjourned to meet at the Dragon, where the annual banquet was served, Dr. John L. Dryer acting as toastmaster of the evening. The following members and their wives were present: Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Burlow, Dr. and Mrs. Boyd, Dr. and Mrs. Clark, Dr. and Mrs. Dryer, Dr. and Mrs. Dobson, Dr. and Mrs. Freeman, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon, Dr. and Mrs. Shaul, Dr. Johnston, Dr. Parker, Dr. and Mrs. Wehrly, Dr. and Mrs. Violet and Miss Scarlett from Orange.

JOHN WEHRLY, Secretary.

BOOK REVIEWS

Principles and Practice of Modern Otology. By J. F. Barnhill and E. D. Wales. Published by W. B. Sanders Co., Philadelphia. 1911.

In "Modern Otology," Barnhill and Wales, we have a splendid book badly named. Had the authors selected as a title "The External and Middle Ear" one would feel that they had accomplished splendidly what they had set out to do. This portion of the book is one of the best in the English language. It is clearly and concisely written and full of the very best common sense. If one does not agree to the position of the chapters on chronic non-suppurative otitis media it is simply a matter of personal opinion. Perhaps for a student this arrangement is the best. The chapter on the bacteriology of the ear is excellent but it is only regrettable that Neumann's results were not also included in the discussion.

The great failure of the book is in its handling of the internal ear; to classify it as modern would be a travesty on the work of Jansen, Alexander, Barany, Neumann, Ruttin and Shambaugh. It is certainly to be regretted that the authors did not at least make more of an attempt to give the student an insight into the physiology of the labyrinth and its relationship to the brain and eye, as the treatment even of middle ear affections and the indications for operation hinge so intimately upon the condition of the labyrinth that they can not be separated and practically not a word is said of this relationship. The diagnosis and treatment of cerebellar abscess of course follows the work in the labyrinth and is equally poor.

It is to be hoped that in another edition this portion of the book will be brought up to date when it will certainly be the best book for a student published in English.

H. B. G.